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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **City of Miami Beach Prepares for Post Hurricane Irma**

*- Reminders and notices pertaining to re-entry post Irma -*

**Miami Beach, FL** – As conditions begin to slowly improve in South Florida, the following are important details and information to ensure a smooth process.

You are asked to stay in your homes tonight as well as throughout the day tomorrow. A curfew remains in effect and has been reinforced by Miami-Dade County. The curfew now begins tonight from 7 p.m. and runs through 7 a.m. tomorrow. This curfew shall include all pedestrian and vehicular movement, except for those individuals or entities designated for essential services such as fire, police and hospital services.

#### **Initial Damage Assessment:**

Conditions remain dangerous until teams are able to assess damage and begin clearing streets. No cars will be permitted to enter the city until Tuesday at noon to allow our safety teams to begin to clear the streets and ensure is safe for residents to begin to re-enter. All entries to the city will be closed beginning tonight. If you leave the city please remember that you will not be permitted to re-enter until Tuesday at noon. There are dangerous areas with downed power lines, gas leaks and debris that need to be cleared. While teams are clearing the city, please do not leave your homes.

Do not drive or walk through standing water. Standing water poses significant threats to life as there may be downed power lines and debris that you can't see which can cause electrocution or significant harm to life.

#### **Beginning Re-entry:**

Once the City is deemed safe, officials will begin to allow re-entry first to residents and then to business owners, their employees and contractors.

Residents must show a State ID or other documentation showing proof of residency in Miami Beach. Business owners, their employees and contractors must supply the proper documentation they were given prior to evacuation.

**Transportation:**

Miami-Dade County, in partnership with Miami Beach teams will begin immediately removing debris and items to allow for transit service to be restored. Once all areas are clear the county buses and city trolleys will begin running again.

**Parking Garages:**

Beginning Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. all parking garages will be reinstated for normal use and will begin charging for parking. Please move any vehicles that were parked there to provide protection from the storm.

Stay informed on all updates from the City by monitoring social media, websites, NextDoor and signing up for city e-blasts. You can also sign up to receive text messages by sending MBTraffic to 91011.

City of Miami Beach staff will be working hard to clean the city over the next few days and appreciate your support and understanding through the process.

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